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Welcome to our village newsletter

Thanks again to Laura Eastwood for these lovely photographs of trees coming back to life. Shame the recent weather hasn't been quite so bright and joyful!

In this issue, we have the Chairman's Report for the Hawstead Annual Parish Meeting, as well as a request for new members to join Hawstead Community Council. And there are lots of photographs from our Plant Fair, our first face-to-face village social event for quite some time.

If there's anything you'd like to see featured in the Village Voice, let me know and I will try my best to source relevant content. Remember, it's your newsletter. In the meantime, thanks to everyone who contributes. I love it when it all drops into my email and I can see what's going on (I'm not nosey – promise!). If you have anything to include, please send it in to me at: anneng100@googlemail.com.

The deadline for issue 16 submissions is 30 July 2021

Hawstead Plant Fair

What a glorious Saturday 29 May! Our May Plant Fair was the culmination of months of diligent potting, watering and weeding, careful nurturing of plants/cuttings through the winter, and gentle encouragement of seeds into seedlings and beyond. Read on for Caroline Miller's summary of the day's events and offers of thanks to our wonderful village volunteers.



Hawstead's first live event post lockdown was a Coffee, Cake and Plant Sale on Saturday 29 May at our beautiful village hall and on the village green. There was great support from villagers, with an active volunteer committee who organised the day and many more villagers who donated plants, baked cakes and set up the gazebos, tables and chairs.



The goal of the event was to give people a chance to safely meet-up with their neighbours after over a year of lockdowns, and if we made any profits that would be a bonus. The event was well attended, but never felt over-crowded. We have so much beautiful space out on the green. We arranged tables with socially distanced seating around the edge of the cut grass area behind the hall. The weather was stunning, which allowed everyone to comfortably sit

around chatting and catching up, whilst enjoying delicious tea and cake, and even a celebratory glass of prosecco!

One of the loveliest results of the event was that it brought new and old villagers together. There were some neighbours who have just moved to Hawstead during the pandemic, and some about to move in, plus visits from much missed former residents who were big parts of our village life, including *Phyllis Pettit* whose husband Les donated to help us build the new village hall. You might have spotted a poem by Phyllis that is mounted in the village hall.





John West also organised a special moment to recognise and thank our Community Council Chair, Susanne White, for all her hard work keeping the village together and organising support for residents throughout the pandemic. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet and villagers gave her a much-deserved round of applause.

We were amazed at the end of the day to find we'd made £248 on the cake stand and £436 on the plant stand. All together our total profit for the event was £684. The money will go towards Hawstead Community Council to support village activities. I've already had suggestions of a restaurant night, or even a pop-up pub night!

Thank you to all the following volunteers who contributed so much towards making our first live event so successful. Huge apologies if I've missed anyone off this list... so many people arrived with plants, cakes and to offer support that I didn't know everyone or even see everyone who helped!



- Penny & Richard Barham
- Bob Brough
- Amanda Brown
- Sarah Bullen
- Enid & Tony Capewell
- Lesley Carey
- Rosemary Carr
- James & Christabel Carr
- Judy & David Carter
- Dave & Sandy Dawson
- Rosemary & Michael Harrison
- Glynn Hammond
- Sheilagh & Roger Mead
- Caroline Miller
- Sonja & Bruce Monk
- Jessica & Megan O'Brien
- Jayne Robertson
- Louisa Rushen
- Jo Salt
- Philip Satoor (my uncle)
- Sue Scott
- Chris & John Shipley
- Suzi Surti
- Janet & Andy Taplin
- Sally Tolhurst
- Geraldine & John West
- Susanne White & Chris Pamplin

My particular personal thanks to the following people who went the extra mile to make this event happen and were rushed off their feet on Friday and Saturday: Judy and David, Chris, Lesley, Rosemary and Michael, Bob, Sue, Sally, Penny, Jayne, John and Geraldine, Dave and Sandy, and Susanne.

Our next FREE village event is on Saturday 12 June at 6.30pm and is a nature walk and talk around our beautiful village green, kindly organised by James and Christabel Carr. The event will end with a



cheese, wine and beer social at the village hall. For those villagers who don't want to go on the walk, you'd be very welcome to meet at the village hall and enjoy a drink and chat with your neighbours and wait for the other villagers to return from the walk.

After that, we want to organise a village summer party (with a 'Roaring Twenties' theme) in July or August. Date to be confirmed once we've canvassed when villagers would like to do it.

If you'd like to volunteer to join the organising committee for our summer party, everyone is welcome, as are all your ideas. My goal is to keep things relaxed and not put all the workload on individuals. As we all saw on Saturday, Hawstead villagers make a great team.

Caroline Miller, Hawstead Village Social Secretary, Hillside, Whepstead Road 07980 675137 or

carolinemiller033@gmail.com

Hawstead social event plans 2021

Saturday 12 June (time tbc)

Village green nature walk and talk with James and Christabel Carr – a relaxed walk around the village green while there is a nice mix of wildflowers about and before the hay is cut. Followed by cheese and beer in the hall!

July (date tbc)

Roaring twenties-themed summer party: afternoon tea and fizz

August 2021 (date tbc)

Art Exhibition – exhibition of local artists at the village hall. If you are an artist and would like to get involved, please let Caroline Miller know.

Sunday 5 September

Hawstead Village Fete & Produce Show

If you'd like to help with the planning, or on the day, for any of these events, or if you have other ideas for village events, please email or call Caroline Miller on carolinemiller033@gmail.com/01284 388841



Chairman's report for Hawstead

Hawstead's Annual Parish Meeting was held virtually on 6 May 2021. Here, our Chairman, John West, reports on the past challenging year.

It's certainly been a year like no other! As lockdown gradually eases, we can all look ahead, with cautious optimism, to a new normal.

We've been fortunate in the village in that we have had just nine cases of COVID, and thankfully everyone has recovered fully.

Having had an emergency plan in place for some years, it gave us a head start with our response. The Hawstead Community Support Group was organised and we had two-dozen willing volunteers stepping up within 24 hours. Leaflets were distributed to every household with contact details for the volunteers. A WhatsApp group and weekly Zoom calls allowed us all to communicate effectively.

The Support Group volunteers all did a huge amount to help villagers throughout the last year and they should all be very proud of their achievements and for sticking with it throughout. Well done everyone! We will endeavour to nurture this camaraderie and teamwork for the future.

The Parish Council very quickly embraced the concept of meeting virtually via Zoom at the start of the pandemic. We were one of the first councils to adopt meeting virtually in March last year. Believe it or not, some parish councils have until recently been holding their meetings over the telephone!

Most importantly, we made sure that the COVID pandemic hasn't disrupted our routine council work at all. It's been business as usual.

We have met virtually for all six of our scheduled parish council meetings over the last 12 months and, in addition, we've met for planning meetings as required. Some of the meetings generated more discussion than others, and different opinions were expressed, but that's democracy in action.

Our finances remain sound and have passed the annual audit with flying colours.

- The council precept this year was £7,400, an increase of just £200, a relatively minor uplift.
- We have a healthy bank balance (approx. £18,500) at our year end 31 March.



Rest assured, we are very careful when it comes to spending your money.

This coming year we intend to continue with our usual village maintenance programmes and, where possible, identify additional, viable projects to spend some of those funds to further benefit and improve the village.

I'd now like to thank a number of people who have made a special contribution this year –

Susanne P the Chair of Hawstead Community

Council and her fellow community council members for all they have done to support the village during this COVID pandemic. Organising the food deliveries was a godsend to so many. Let's hope we can enjoy some social events inside and outside our hall before too long. We could all do with some fun!

Andy P who maintains our village website so diligently and also for the important work he does as our history recorder. As we've heard, Andy would like to pass on responsibility for the website later this year. A job very well done. Thank you.

Anne E for producing our new digital newsletter – The Village Voice.

Andy T who has helped us in setting up many of our virtual meetings.

Charlie R for his work throughout the year in keeping Hawstead free of litter.

James C our tree warden whose knowledge and expertise is invaluable.

Rupert B who agreed, without hesitation, to open up designated routes on his farm for walkers during lockdown.

Our **County Councillor Karen S** and our **Borough Councillor Terry C** for both regularly attending our meetings and doing everything possible to support the village practically and financially.

Each and every one of the **parish councillors, Ros A, Penny B, Christabel C, Phil B, Henry B and Giles R** who have worked so hard all year despite the challenges we've faced. You should all be very proud for the way in which you are serving your community.



I'd like to thank **our clerk Catherine H** for everything that she does for us so cheerfully and efficiently. We are so lucky to have her as our clerk! Catherine obtained her CILCA qualification during 2020. Congratulations.

Finally, I'd like to pay tribute to **Tony H, a village stalwart**, who sadly passed away recently. Tony lived in Hawstead for many years and made a huge contribution as church warden and also as Hawstead Parish Council's clerk. Our condolences go to his widow Jill.

We are grateful to all those who completed our village survey last year. We've listened carefully to your suggestions and will work towards carrying some of these out. Your suggestions have helped us shape the work of the PC for the year ahead.

We are in contact with Suffolk County Council to seriously address the flooding issues we have both in Bells Lane and Pinford End.

We will continue our efforts to reduce speeding through the village.

We are also in the early stages of considering a new conservation project for the woodland areas at Brook Green.

Hopefully the COVID situation in the UK will continue to improve and we can all look forward to the future with optimism in this wonderful village of ours.

In conclusion, as a Parish Council, our commitment to you is to manage the affairs of Hawstead in a professional and business-like way and to the very best of our ability.

You can be certain we have all done our best and will continue to do so.

Thank you.

John W, Chairman

Names of individuals mentioned are abbreviated for GDPR reasons.



New members wanted: Hawstead Community Council

Hawstead Community Council's AGM is on 14 June. It is the perfect time to think about your contribution to village life. Could you give a bit of your time to help others enjoy Hawstead?

Hawstead Community Council (HCC) is the charity responsible for maintaining your village hall and play area, while at the same time providing social events to help villagers come together and make new friendships. It is managed wholly by volunteer villagers.

On occasion, the task is difficult to balance... offsetting the pressures to make the hall pay for itself against the demands of residents for more community access.

Clearly the hall has to bring in sufficient income to pay for its running costs, and we also want to move to a

position where we can finance a bookings clerk rather than rely on the goodwill of a resident. Added to that is the imminent need to replace the play area at a cost of somewhere in the region of £40,000, and you can see that we have our work cut out!

Don't let that put you off though... we hope it inspires you to roll up your sleeves and join us in our tasks! We are seeking a few villagers prepared to offer their skills to help us in our roles. We would like fresh opinions from all age groups about how to move forwards, as

well as more hands to take on a few responsibilities. If you can match your words with action, then we would very much welcome you!

Let me introduce you to a few of our current Committee members so that you can get a flavour of the work we do.

At present, John Shipley is our Vice-Chair and council member in charge of building maintenance. John manages our caretaker and keeps his eye on the regular building checks required to make sure our hall is top notch and ready for hire. John is always poised to spring into action should a minor repair be required at the hall.



Resident Caroline Miller is our lead on social events. Caroline has been instrumental in offering virtual events during lockdown, and our first face-to-face social/fundraising event, our May Plant Fair. Where Caroline finds the time and energy, we really don't know. She is also the Chief Executive of Birmingham Royal Ballet!

As well as being a busy mum of four and holding down an important social care role (oh, and putting up with Giles), Louisa Rushen is our Treasurer. Louisa brings a diligence and tenacity to the role which will keep us on the straight and narrow financially.

The lovely Bob Brough is our Secretary. You will find Bob almost always in a pair of shorts, whatever the weather, and eager to join anyone on the dance floor at almost any time! He is also part of the catering team at many of our village

events, willing to don an apron and rubber gloves when required. Bob works as an engineer at West Suffolk Hospital.

These members are joined by villagers Sarah Bullen, Shannon Bullen, Pat Baker and Andy Taplin, all of whom help direct the focus of your Community Council.



We are very keen to welcome new village clubs into the hall during the week. Do you have any ideas for getting the community together on a regular basis? If so, please let us know and we can try to help you get started.

Executive Committee meetings take place monthly and usually last less than an hour. But there is no requirement for Committee Members to attend every meeting. And the new Committee can decide to meet less regularly if it prefers too!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank on your behalf the tremendous work of your current Committee over the past 12 months (or actually 2 years): John Shipley, Bob Brough, Louisa Rushen, Andy Taplin, Caroline Miller, Sarah Bullen, Pat Baker and Shannon Bullen. Thanks too to:

HCC's AGM

You have already been invited by email to our AGM at 6.30pm on Monday 14 June.

Remember, though, that while restrictions are easing, we do need you to tell us if you would like to attend so that we can arrange chairs and not exceed room capacity. Please contact Bob Brough to book your seat: bob.brough@wsh.nhs.uk

- Ali Bovill, our volunteer housekeeper
- Anne East, who has been busy keeping the communication lines open between households



- John Wetton, who has been keeping the play area grass in check
- John West and Chris Pamplin for mowing around the village hall, especially when Council services were suspended
- Chris, Hannah and Ben Pamplin, plus Phil Battell and Bruce Monk, for painting the hall window and door frames
- Geraldine West, for starting the virtual coffee club
- Ali Bovill (again!) for helping to manage the village hall food deliveries
- John West for auditing our accounts and being our link with the parish council.



It has been a team effort to keep things on track and make plans for a brighter future.

Susanne White

Current Chair, Hawstead Community Council

PS If you would be interested in learning more or exploring possibilities, please contact a Community Council Member.



Job Opportunity: Bookings Clerk

Hawstead Village Hall is seeking a self-employed Bookings Clerk. The role requires good communication skills, plus excellent organisation and some physical strength (must be able to climb up the ladder into the hall loft!). You must be able to access/write emails, check with the online banking system, conduct viewings, manage the worksheets for the caretaker/cleaner and take responsibility for the effective bookings management of this special village hall.

Liaison with key members of the hall's volunteer Management Committee is also essential. We estimate ~8 hours weekly in the summer months, less over winter. The work can be done across the week, with hours to suit, so long as email enquiries are answered promptly. Help can be given with some viewings if needed.

If you have the required skills and are interested in learning more about the role, please contact Susanne White on 01284 388166 or bookings@hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk

Nesting swifts

All Saints' Church in Hawstead now has some nesting boxes for swifts. Here, Andy Parrett tells us a bit more...

Many villagers will remember our former Churchwarden, Simon Miller ('Hillside', Whepstead Road) who died in October 2017. Before he passed away, Simon had voiced his desire that we should copy an idea that was gaining popularity, that of encouraging swifts to make their nests in specially constructed nesting boxes which can be positioned between the louvres in the windows at the belfry level in church towers.

Swifts are summer visitors from Africa, and they are apparently among the last birds to arrive and the first to leave. Traditionally, they build their nests in cavities of walls and roofs of buildings, squeezing in through small gaps they find. Unfortunately, and like many other species of bird, their numbers have declined greatly (more than 50% in the past 25 years according to the Suffolk Ornithologists' Group and Suffolk Wildlife Trust), and a decline in suitable nesting sites is thought to be a significant factor.

Swifts appear to like the idea of nesting at height in church towers – although the specific location described above in the belfry isn't essential... and I don't think they can distinguish between a church and any other type of building! However, it appears that there have been quite a number of successful projects involving church towers, a notable local

example being at Santon Downham, north of Bury St Edmunds.

What is needed first is some custom-made nesting boxes, and resident Bruce Monk has expertly made five of these and installed them in the north-facing window of the tower belfry. (Although the east and west-facing ones would probably also be suitable, Bruce pointed out that south would not be good as the boxes would get too hot in summer – something that hadn't occurred to me!) You can see what the boxes look like from the accompanying photographs, one inside the belfry and the other looking up at the tower from the churchyard. The latter was taken before the final two boxes were installed.



The belfry in All Saints Church Hawstead ('fisheye' view). The window where the swift boxes have been positioned is the one straight ahead. NB There are three bells here: the big wheels are no longer used to swing the bells: the bells are stationary and are sounded via a movable 'clapper', pulled by a rope from below.



As stated in the text, this is an external view from below in the churchyard. You can see three entrance holes for the birds. Bruce later added two more boxes.

I should point out that a lot of cleaning was necessary before installation of the boxes, largely because the belfry had become home to quite a number of pigeons (we'd prefer to be host to swifts rather than pigeons!). The wire netting fixed to the inside of the louvres many years ago had rotted away, allowing these squatters to get inside and make the place their home. So the first job was to fix up some new chicken wire and make the place pigeon-proof.

The suggested way to attract swifts to their nest-hotel is to fix up a sound system to relay a recording of swift calls to the local area via amplifier and loudspeaker. A timer is also required because it's not necessary to have this playback going 24/7. Someone I contacted a year or so ago for advice said: *'Play the calls from just after dawn until just before dusk. Early and late seem to be best. Afternoons are probably the least productive, though any time of day in fine weather can be successful.'* He also said *'To attract swifts, persistence and patience are essential. The more and the louder your playing, the better your chances, but it may still take a year or three.'*

Villager Bob Brough proved more than equal to the electronic side of this venture and in no time we had a system up and running, with power sourced from ground level.

It has been suggested that mid-May is the time to start trying to attract swifts to a new location, and we had our set up in operation by then. Mind you, with the weather we've been having this year, everything seems a couple of weeks behind the norm. Has that affected the arrival of swifts, I wonder? Of course, we're hoping that the nest boxes will get some takers, but if not we'll have another go next year.

Andy Parrett

Bruce Monk's five nesting boxes. The hinged section will allow access for cleaning. Note the dedication to Simon Miller, prepared by Bill Crockford.



In memory of Tony Hillman, 1936–2021

We were saddened to learn of the death on 8 April of Tony Hillman, for many years a central figure in Hawstead. Tony, and his wife Gill, moved to Hill House, The Pound, Hawstead in 1989.



On arrival, Tony and Gill were given a wonderful welcome by the village, and Tony immediately became involved with village affairs. He assisted with the

Quartet, the then-monthly newsletter for the Benefice. This was succeeded by the St Edmund Way Benefice newsletter, for which he was compiler with Doris Wright as editor. He has kept all publications from 2005 onwards! He quickly became attached to the church and had an extremely busy year in 1992, being appointed Parish Clerk to the Parish Council in July and Churchwarden to Hawstead All Saints Church in September. Tony enjoyed these responsibilities enormously, and the roles suited his caring, community-minded nature. During his time in Hawstead, he also served a short period as Trustee to the Community Council, and Trustee to the Metcalfe Almshouses. In fact, Tony and Gill were involved in most aspects of community life in Hawstead, whether that be the Flower and Produce Show, at which their exhibits were always strong contenders, or the annual carol singing courtesy of Elsa Kilpatrick at Cullum House.

When we moved to Hawstead in 1994 we were very fortunate to have Tony and Gill as our neighbours at The Pound. They quickly introduced themselves and made us feel very welcome, and then introduced us to a good many of our fellow residents and to the village community. We realised that we had made a very good decision in moving to Hawstead. In 2006, Tony and Gill moved closer to town, to Horsecroft Road, but still maintained their links with Hawstead. Following 15 rewarding years, Tony retired as churchwarden in March 2007, and at the PCC Annual General Meeting was appointed Churchwarden Emeritus, a title he considered to be a very great honour. Tony and Gill were always so pleased to have moved to Hawstead, and this was reflected by all the time they gave back to assist with village life.

Alan and Amanda Brown

Discover local walks

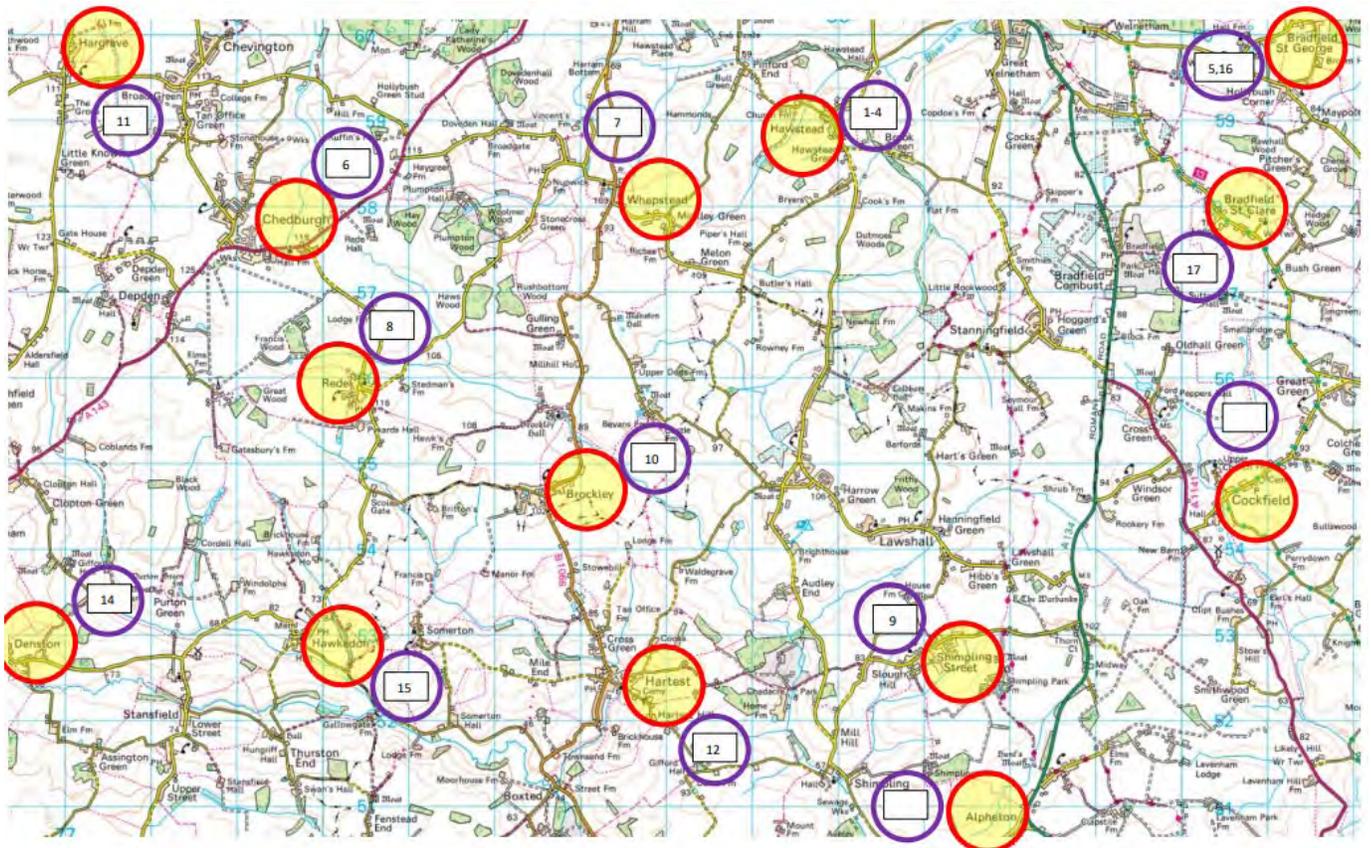
In addition to the walks on the Parish Council's website, Andy Parrett has uploaded a further four that we can all take advantage of now we're well and truly heading into summer. Even if the weather's not great, remember – there's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing! Here's what Andy has to say...

These walks are all circular and involve a minimum of time spent on roads. I think they're all do-able in 2–3 hours. I have included sketch maps (traced from Ordnance Survey maps), but you may wish to use the local 1:25,000 'Explorer' maps to be quite sure of routes. Most of the walks are on No.211, but a few more westerly ones are on No.210 and one straddles over to No.196 in the south.

Top tip! For an annual subscription of £19.99 you can access sections of OS maps anywhere in the country and print them out on an A4 sheet. I do this for walks, and it avoids having to keep opening and closing big, folded maps – and also the annoyance when the area you want is right at the edge of a printed map! The map below shows the locations and numbers of the walks on the website: as it happens, I have avoided going north (so far).

You can find all Andy's local walks on the village website:

<http://www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk/leisure-time/walking-running/>



A special 'Thank You' on your behalf

John West, Chair of Hawstead Parish Council, said a few words of appreciation to Susanne White at Saturday's highly successful plant sale. The presentation of a bouquet on behalf of the whole village was to acknowledge all of Susanne's huge contribution over the last 15 months since the Covid crisis began. Susanne was instrumental in organising the food deliveries during lockdowns keeping us fed, helping to set up the Village Voice digital newsletter and a great deal else besides. We are very grateful for her commitment to Hawstead. Well done Susanne!



Hawstead Carpet Bowls Club is back!

Hawstead's Carpet Bowls Club has now resumed play and they are looking for new members... all ages welcome

Members of Hawstead Bowls Club meet in Hawstead Village Hall on Tuesday evenings for a 7.30pm start. The membership comprises residents of Hawstead and surrounding villages. The weekly meetings are very relaxed and happy, under normal times including a tea/coffee and biscuit break half way through the evening.



The Club can provide all the equipment and is operating at present in a COVID-secure way. All you need at the moment is your mask and £2 subs each night.

We are a very happy club and would welcome new members of all ages. No experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Rosemary Harrison on 01284 386157.

Church services in the Benefice

Benefice services resumed in person early in May and are offering community worship as well as valuable opportunities for emotional support.

Please see below for the list of upcoming services in the Benefice. Please note that COVID restrictions will still apply for a short while, so please wear a mask and maintain social distancing. In extreme cases, we may need to restrict numbers in the buildings, but hopefully this will not be necessary.

- 6th June 11.00am Nowton
 - 4.00pm Evening Prayer, Stanningfield
- 13th June 9.30am Gt Welnetham
- 20th June 9.30am Stanningfield
- 27th June 9.30am Lawshall
- 4th July 11.00am Hawstead
 - 4.00pm Evening Prayer, Stanningfield
- 11th July 11.00am Nowton
- 18th July 11.00am Gt Welnetham

This will be Rev Jeremy Parsons last Service in the Benefice

- 25th July 9.30am Stanningfield



Advance warning

Churchyard clean up, weather permitting, Saturday 19 June, 10–12.

Please can volunteers bring their own tools, including spades, to tidy up around the gravestones.

Thank you!



Hawstead's Oil Buying Group

Hawstead's Oil Buying Group has been operating for a while and is kindly managed by Mike Harrison. Here, Mike gives us a brief outline of how it works so you can considering joining.

The Oil Buying Group has been operational in Hawstead for some 10 years now. Yet, despite the many advantages of ordering through it, surprisingly most villagers are not members.



I know that not everyone is sure how it works, so let me briefly explain. To join the Group, you need to let me have your E-mail address. For your first order, I will need your full name and postal address for delivery and invoice purposes. Telephone numbers are also useful.

About once per month (less often in the summer) I obtain a price estimate per litre from Framtrade of Framlingham. They then seek out the best deal for us on the day and place the order. I then circulate the estimated price to all those registered on the Oil Group and request that you let me know your requirements, if any, by a date about 5 days hence.

On the day I send the Group Order to Framtrade, they then notify me of the exact price payable. I circulate details of the price, the oil supplier making the delivery and when to expect the delivery. All you need to do is make sure that access to your tank is open and the delivery will be made. On delivery, the tanker driver will leave you a chitty showing exactly how much has been delivered.

Now the good bits! You may have noticed that so far no payment has been made. If you go direct to an oil company they won't normally supply without taking payment. With the Oil Group, Framtrade will send you an invoice about a week after delivery for settlement of the amount delivered. That invoice is easily settled by card over the phone or by on-line banking. They give you several weeks to do that, so you effectively get a month or so free credit!

Another good bit! Everyone pays the same price per litre, whether you order the minimum quantity of 500 litres or place a bigger order for say 1,000 or 1,500 litres. Most oil companies will charge you a premium on orders under 1,000 litres – but not the Oil Group!

Another good bit! You don't need to order an exact amount. Providing you meet the minimum order requirement of 500 litres, you can simply request that your tank be filled up. The driver's chitty will show exactly how much has been delivered and that amount will be on the subsequent invoice from Framtrade. Quite a number of villagers order their oil this way.

A few more good bits! One of the great benefits of using the scheme is the time you save not having to ring around for the best quote. The Oil Group price is always competitive and just a quick e-mail to me is all you need do. Making a village delivery means cutting down on tanker miles and that has got to be good for the environment too.

We have had a great relationship with Framtrade since the start of the scheme. Why not give us a try? If in doubt, ask the Chairman of the Parish Council, John West, or any of our regular customers. Incidentally, Framtrade is also great for bottled gas. Its friendly delivery is normally on a Wednesday, and the team can be contacted direct on 01728 723723.

Mike Harrison

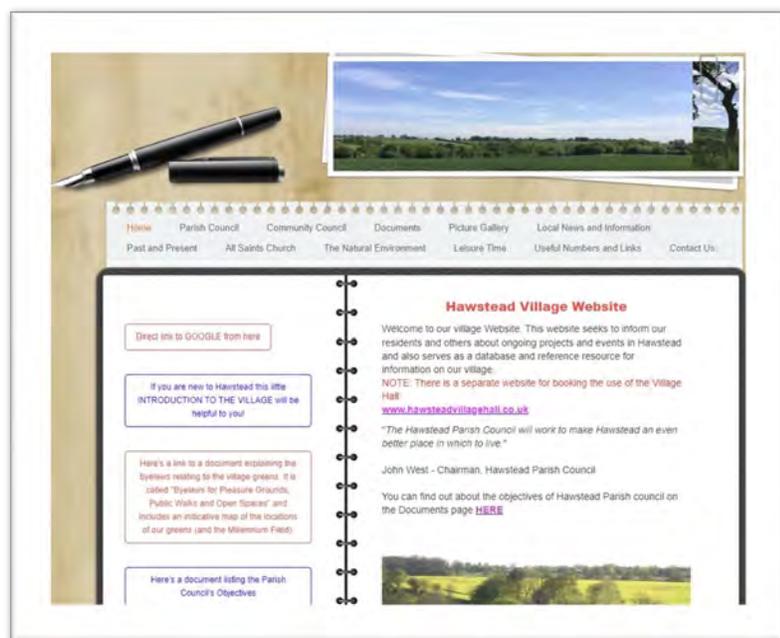
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Hawstead Parish Council website

A quick reminder that the village website is filled with information which is updated regularly. If you're new to the village, it's a great way to familiarise yourself with the activities that take place (or used to, but will hopefully resume). There are also some great photographs of Hawstead over the years and some fabulous aerial shots too. Don't forget, there's also a page dedicated to walks and cycle routes. Key pages you may find useful and interesting include:

- **Walking and running** - <http://www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk/leisure-time/walking-running/>
- **Cycling** - <http://www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk/leisure-time/cycling/>
- **Hawstead past and present** - <http://www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk/past-and-present/>
- **The parish council** - <http://www.hawstead-parish-council.co.uk/parish-council/>



Reminder of weekly bus service into Bury

A reminder in case you didn't catch this in the last issue. You can also find timetables at the Suffolk on Board website, go to: <https://www.suffolkonboard.com/buses/timetables/>

Sudbury - Bridge Street - Lawshall - Bury St Edmunds

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Monday to Friday (Except Bank Holidays)

	Operator CH
Service Restrictions	W
Notes	1
Sudbury, Bus Station (C)	0930
Alpheton, Tye Green (o/s)	0945
Bridge Street, Rose and Crown (opp)	0949
Shimpling, Mill Hill (N-bound)	0957
Shimpling Street, Halifax Place (opp)	1002
Cockfield, Thorn Court Corner (adj)	1005
Lawshall, Primary School (opp)	1012
Hawstead Green, Bus Shelter (opp)	1020
Low Green, The Pound (adj)	1027
Bury St Edmunds, Arc Shopping Centre (o/s)	1037
Bury St Edmunds, Bus Station (Stand 6)	1039

Saturday

Sunday

no service

no service

NOTES

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Monday to Friday (Except Bank Holidays)

	Operator CH
Service Restrictions	W
Notes	1
Bury St Edmunds, Bus Station (Stand 6)	1300
Bury St Edmunds, Arc Shopping Centre (opp)	1302
Low Green, The Pound (opp)	1312
Hawstead Green, Bus Shelter (adj)	1319
Lawshall, Primary School (o/s)	1327
Cockfield, Thorn Court Corner (opp)	1334
Shimpling Street, Halifax Place (adj)	1337
Shimpling, Mill Hill (S-bound)	1342
Bridge Street, Rose and Crown (adj)	1350
Alpheton, Tye Green (o/s)	1354
Sudbury, Bus Station (C)	1410

Saturday

Sunday

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Request to rent a secure paddock

We've had an enquiry about **renting a secure paddock** in Hawstead or surrounding, **approximately half an acre** or thereabouts. It would be **used for dog agility**, so would also need secure fencing. Storage would be a bonus but not essential. The query is from Vanessa Kemp who will be moving into the area. She is a qualified (and insured) dog trainer. If you can help or know of anyone who can, Vanessa is happy to be contacted on: 07722569916 or you can send her an email at: Vanessaannkemp@gmail.com

Hawstead Village Hall

HAWSTEAD VILLAGE HALL IS COVID SECURE. It is **CURRENTLY OPEN** for bookings of organised risk-assessed events and permitted social events. Our yoga and fitness groups have returned, as has bowls.

If you have any booking enquiries for future events, please contact us on

bookings@hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk.

You can find out more about the village hall by visiting our website:

<https://www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk>



We are seeking a paid Bookings Clerk. See earlier advert for more details.



Contributions to The Village Voice

If you would like to see anything featured or have something to submit, please send it to Anne at anneng100@googlemail.com by **30 July 2021**.